

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

NISHIOKA, Kimihiko

Appln. No.: 09/327,713

Filed: June 8, 1999

For: VARIABLE OPTICAL-PROPERTY ELEMENT
AND OPTICAL APPARATUS INCLUDING THE SAME

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June 11, 2001

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESRICTION REQUIREMENT

AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated February 13, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are made, the period for response having been extended three-months by submission of the requisite petition and fee herewith.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 48, delete the whole paragraph starting with line 8 and replace it with the following new paragraph:

As is true of the whole of the variable optical-property element of the present invention, when a tolan-base liquid crystal is used as the liquid crystal, the refractive index is considerably changed and the viscosity becomes low. This reduces the response time of the

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